Statement

Allotment of 128 *Port C-DOT RAX for the year* 1988-89.

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	No. of units allotted
1	Andhra Pradesh	11
2	Assam	20
3	Bihar	30
4	Gujarat	10
5	Haryana	20
6	Himachal Pradesh	20
7	J & K	20
8	Karnataka	10
9	Kerala	14
10	Madhya Pradesh	40
11	Maharahstra	28+10
12	N.E.	26
13	Orissa	20
14	Punjab	20
15	Rajasthan	30
16	Tamil Nadu	13
17	Uttar Pradesh	40
18	West Bengal	28
	TOTAL	410

Drug Price Control

1369. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Wil the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug price control on many of the essential drug formulations appears to be virtually ineffective with the granting of exemption to several drug units from price control;

(b) if so, the action taken by Govment to control the drug prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J .VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Prices of all scheduled drug formulations are regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. SSI Units are exempted from price control on their category II formulations subject to certain conditions.

Grievances of the telephone subscribers

1370. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an open house session was convened by the Bombay Division of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited recently;

(b) if so, what were the major grievances mentioned by telephone subscribers at the open house session; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to redress those grievances?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main grievances of the subscribers were (i) excess billing (ii) Telephone remaining out of order for longer periods during Monsoons (iii) Inadequate provision of Public Call Offices (iv) Long waiting list (v) Poor quality of service in old exchanges.

(c) (i) For setting excess billing complaints, Multi Line Observation Equipment has been provided; Detailed bills of STD calls and fortnightly Meter readings are supplied on request.

(ii) For reducing cable faults, flooding of cable trenches in normal season, ducting of underground cables and use of jelly filled cables are being done.